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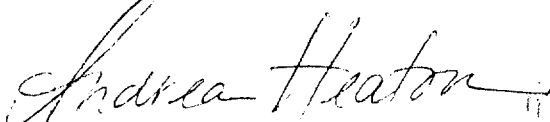
To whom it may concern,

I am writing to urge the FDA to PROHIBIT the practice of forced molting in hens to manipulate egg production.

Forced molting — by extended starvation and water deprivation — destroys the birds' immune systems and is a primary cause of infectious diseases in the hens and their eggs. The practice is cruel to the animals and dangerous to the public.

Please support a ban on forced molting.

Sincerely, _____



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